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To: Mayor Kudron and the Grand Lake Board of Trustees
From: John Crone, Town Manager
Re: Workshop on One-Year Capital Plan
Date: January 22, 2024

Background

At the last Board of Trustees retreat, the Board identified several capital projects that can be completed over the next five years. These projects were broken down into one-, three-, and five-year schedules. Throughout the year we will readdress these lists to ensure that we have included everything that the Board wants to see done, and to work out the details of the Board's vision.

At this workshop we will discuss the capital plan for this year

Items Identified at the Retreat

Road Repair, Construction, and Maintenance – These items have a dedicated funding source from our 1% sales tax. Clearly, road repair is driven largely by the situation at the end of mud season. If there are obvious repairs needed to be made, we will make them. However, there are areas that may not rise to the level of necessary repair that would nonetheless benefit the Town if they were addressed before the need becomes obvious. Staff would like help in identifying these particular locations.

There are also a large number of dirt roads that exist in Town. We may benefit by scheduling some of these for paving. Last year we paved the alley by the Kauffman House. Staff would like guidance on other possible locations that would benefit by paving, and guidance on which roads should remain dirt roads. We are limited this year on the west side of Town that is subject to drainage repair.

Drainage Repair – We are using Windy Gap grant money to design a drainage plan for the area of Town west of the moraine. It is likely that we will not have funds to begin construction on the new drainage plan until 2025. However, now is the time to bring up any particular problem areas or any particular techniques that we would like to see incorporated into the plan.

Boat Ramp Paving – We need to make repairs to the portion of the boat ramp that is already paved. The Bureau of Reclamation would like us to install traffic spikes that would allow boaters to leave the parking area after hours. Right now we lock a gate to keep people from accessing the boat ramp without an inspection. We are concerned that the gravel from the road and the parking lot may create a blockage that would prevent the spikes from going down as a boater exits the area which would cause flat tires. We would like guidance on whether the Board feels that we should put down asphalt in the area to allow for spike strips. We would also like guidance on how much of the area should be paved.



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Entry Sign (by the Chamber) - The current entry sign must be rebuilt or replaced. The first question is whether to rebuild it in the same general design or whether it would be better to design a new sign. The second question is whether to replace the message board with an electronic sign. AN electronic sign would provide much better options for communicating with residents and guests. It would also be much easier to post messages. However, it would be a new light at the entrance to Town. An electronic message board will cost between \$15,000 and \$35,000. It is likely that we would be able to get grant funding for at least a portion of the cost.

If we do get an electronic sign, should we get a full color animated board or a monochrome text board. The text board would be less impactful at night; however, it would not be very noticeable during the day. All LED signs can be dimmed.

Lake Avenue – In the past, the Board has expressed interest in closing Lake Avenue to motorized traffic during the summer (allowances would be made for delivery vehicles and emergency vehicles). Business owners on the street have expressed both strong opposition to the idea and support of the idea.

If the Board would like to close the road to motorized traffic, the Town will eventually need to rebuild the roadway to be in harmony with the lakefront. Before that happens, staff feels that it would be best to run a test closure this summer. Staff would like guidance on this idea.

Regardless of whether the Board decides to close Lake Avenue this summer, staff is would like to know if the Board is interested in rehabilitating the volleyball lot. We believe that we could add over 30 feet of irrigated picnic area next to the lake without reducing the parking capacity of the lot. Staff feels that this would provide a valued additional recreation area on the lakeshore with a relatively slight cost.

Attainable Housing – The Town is quickly moving forward on the Artspace project and hope to break ground within a year. We also continue to work on plans for the Mary Drive parcel. Staff would like to know the Boards wishes on any other housing (including Mary Drive). Particularly, staff would like guidance on what type of housing that the Board feels would be most appropriate to pursue.

Park Improvements – Now that we have had time to review the Public Lands Plan, staff would be interested to hear if the Board would like to immediately pursue any of the ideas that were set forth. Staff is also interested in knowing if the Board would like to pursue any of the ideas (i.e. dog park) in a temporary manner if the Board feels that such permanent improvements are best put off until a more appropriate location is available.

Any other ideas...